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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER: N02CO31001-27

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The above numbered Request For Proposal (RFP) is amended as set forth below. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offerors remains unchanged.

Offerors MUST acknowledge receipt of the amendment prior to the hour and the date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by separate letter, telegram, or Electronic Mail which includes a reference to the RFP and Amendment number(s). For your convenience, the Proposal Intent Response Form is provided in SECTION J - List of Attachments of this RFP, for this purpose.

FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERORS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER.

This Amendment provides clarification of the RFP as stated below:

1. What percentage of the 44,000 shipments per year are cold chain shipments (e.g. 2-8C, -20C or -70C)?

Answer to #1: Approximately 40-45% of shipments are cold-chain shipments.

2. Is the offeror expected to provide import services for the international shipments on the behalf of the recipient? This would include the vendor acting at the Importer of Record, payment and recovery of VAT, brokerage services and pre-clearance on behalf of the consignee/recipient. The vendor will provide all required support needed for the export out of the US, this is further support provided to the recipient.

Answer to #2: For some international shipments, import services may be the responsibility of the offeror.

3. Please provide the external dimensions for the walk-in refrigerator and the walk-in freezer units. We need these to properly depict the units on the floor plan.

Answer to #3: Approximate exterior dimensions of the Government Property Storage Units (dimensions are in feet):

Walk-in freezer#1: 24' x 11'9" x 7'6"

Walk-in refrigerator#2: 45'8" x 15'7" x 8'2"

Walk-in refrigerator#3: 28' x 22' x 8'2"

Walk-in refrigerator#4: 13'4" x 11'6" x 7'2"

Walk-in refrigerator#5: 30' x 12' x 8'

4. Are the condensers located on the top of the walk-in units?

Answer to #4: All condensing units are external to the current facility building.

5. Please confirm the set points for the walk-in freezer? Is this a -20C unit?

Answer to #5: Walk-in Freezer #1, referenced on the Government Property list, is a -20oC freezer unit.

6. Why are there 2 Kaye Lab Watch systems on the Government Furnished Property list? Please explain who this system is currently set up.

Answer to #6: GE Kaye LabWatch is a product of GE Sensing and Inspection Technologies. One item on the Government Property list is in reference to the original procured system, GE Kaye LabWatch I and one is reference to

an upgrade to hardware and software in support of the system (GE Kaye LabWatch II). The system currently utilizes a wired probe network. Offerors can refer to the manufacturer's website for more information.

7. The Statement of Work makes an estimate of the number of "open-labels" that will be applied each year. Is there an estimate of the number of "blinded labels" that will be applied each year?

Answer to #7: This number is variable. The number of blinded study agent units distributed may range between 50,000 and 400,000 annually.

8. The list of Government Furnished Property includes a Nuaire Safety Cabinet. Will the contractor be required to handle select agents?

Answer to #8: There are currently no Select Agents managed by the repository, but this is a possibility.

9. Is one order considered one shipment?

Answer to #9: One order does not always constitute one shipment. In addition one shipment does not always consist of one order.

10. RFP Section B.3 (pg. 5) states that transition is 60 days in duration. RFP Section F.1 (pg. 14) states that transition is from 12/1/2017 - 2/01/2018, which is 63 days. Which duration is correct?

Answer to #10: I suggest the transition period should reflect the calendar days, so yes, technically, the duration of 63 days would be correct.

11. RFP Attachment 6, Section B.5.a (pg. 10)-Of the approximate 46,000 total shipments per year, what is the approximate number or percentage of US shipments that are paid for by recipients, and the number or percentage of foreign shipments that are paid for by recipients.

Answer to #11: The Government pays the freight charges for all domestic and foreign shipments under the normal transportation mechanism assigned to the agent. Sites requesting expedited receipt of agent shipments are responsible for the freight costs. As this will vary greatly, there is no estimation of percentage that can be provided.

12. Attachment 3 Section 2.c - Drug Authorization and Review Tracking System (DARTS) and PMB OAOP.

Qs and As to #12:

a. Is this the only inventory system the contractor supposed to use?

- Yes

b. Where is the system located?

- This is a Government-maintained system

c. Does the contractor has any responsibility in maintenance or validation of this system?

- No

d. Database Type?

- Oracle-based system

e. Front end application?

- Yes

f. Does the contractor needs to develop any custom reports?

- The contract may need to assist in development of custom reports from the database, depending on the needs of the contractor, PMB and the Program.

g. Does the contractor need to buy any software licenses?

- No

h. Who has the responsibility to back-up the data?

- This is a Government IT system. The contractor is not responsible.

13. Attachment 3 Section 6.e - Contractor shall ship Approximately 40,000 orders per year. Is each order is considered as a shipment or each shipment consists of multiple orders?

Answer to #13: One order does not always constitute one shipment. In addition one shipment does not always consist of one order.

14. Attachment 3 Section 6.j - Printing of Custom Forms: any specifications for the type of printers required?

Answer to #14: The forms are printed from a laser printer and will be discussed with the awarded offeror upon award of the contract.

15. Attachment 3 Section 7.b - Printing of Custom Forms and Labels. Any specifications for the type of printers required?

Answer to #15: The labels are currently printed on a DOT-matrix printer, but are undergoing a transition. This will be discussed with the awarded offeror upon award of the contract.

16. Attachment 3 Section 13.a -What kind of support does the Government expect for development, enhancement and maintenance of DARTS and OAOP?

Answer to #16: The Contractor is expected to participate in DARTS and OAOP enhancement or development meetings with PMB and the Government IT Contractor to provide input into functional areas of the databases that are primarily used by the Repository Contractor.